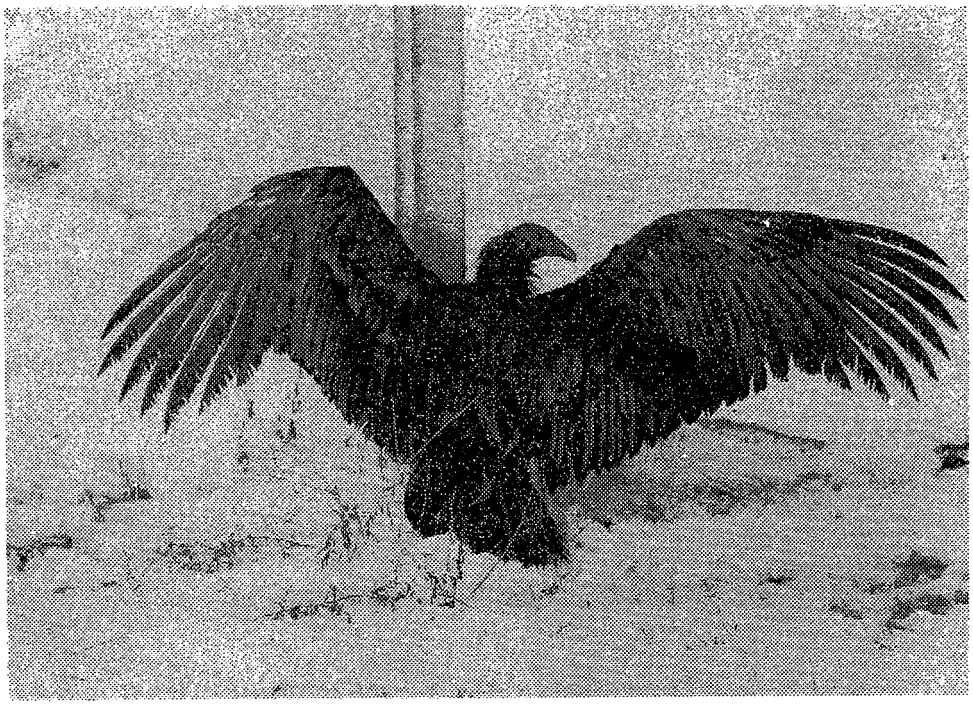

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MERCY MISSION — An Andean condor, one of five brought from South America, exercises in a cage at the Patuxent Wildlife Center, where the birds are being observed for clues that may enable close relatives — 51 California condors now facing extinction because of expanding civilization—to survive. Story on Page A3.

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